



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 20th August 2020 @ 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. J. Wells, and Mr. N. Kiley

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

Part I

20/0037 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

20/0038 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. S. Hill, and Mr. T. Barber.

20/0039 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. Lewis declared an interest in application 20/00637/LQN due to his association with the Mortimer Football Club, and would not take part in discussion under item 20/0044/b below.

20/0040 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th August 2020 were received. It was noted that the addition of Mr. Kiley's name had been made to item 20/0030/a regarding a meeting with District Councillor Bridgman and Pro Vision on 6th August 2020, and the Minutes were duly APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

20/0041 Items to be taken into private session

No items on the Agenda were determined should be taken with the public excluded.

20/0042 Current Projects

The following updates were received:

a. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

No formal notification has been received from West Berkshire Council following the queries raised at the Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting on 5th August. It was noted that key personnel at WBC and Pro Vision were on annual leave. Mr. Neil Kiley advised that District Cllr. G. Bridgman would speak to the senior Planning Officer on Friday, 21st August for an update.

b. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Planning Application

Several conditions had been submitted to West Berkshire Council and two of these would be discussed under item 20/0045 below.

c. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Biodiversity and Green Space

No updates to report.

d. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Reserved Spaces

No updates to report.

e. Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

Cllr. Morsley advised no updates to report yet but will speak to Brian Little at West Berkshire Council regarding the new Government planning guidelines that have just been announced due to Covid-19 recovery plans.

20/0043 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

No updates to report.

20/0044 Item(s) for Consideration and Resolution

a. Reviewing Detailed Planning Applications

Further to discussion, it was agreed that individual Councillors could be invited by the Chairman, or volunteer, to take the lead on particular detailed applications when the agenda is issued and look in depth at the information prior to a Committee meeting to assist discussion and decisions, especially when a large number of cases were to be covered at a Committee meeting.

b. Change of Licencing Hours

After reviewing the issue on application 20/00637/LQN: Alfred Palmer memorial Recreation Field to extend the licensable activity hours and noting concerns about possible late leavers from the venue, it was AGREED the Committee would make no objections to West Berkshire Council at this time but noted that complaints could still be made directly to WBC by residents.

20/0045 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

20/01651/HOUSE: 1 Firs End, Stephens Firs, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3ZG

Single storey rear extension.

SMPC Comments: No objections

**20/01661/HOUSE: 64 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading
RG7 3QX**

Replacement of existing oil fired boiler with air source heat pump.

SMPC Comments: No objections

20/01748/HOUSE: 42 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3RN

Two storey side and rear extension, new front bay window and other alterations.

SMPC Comments: No objections

20/01766/HOUSE: 12 Asparagus Close, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3WY

Addition of a summerhouse to the north eastern corner of the rear garden.

SMPC Comments: No objections

**20/01683/COND2: Land South of St John's Church Of England School, The Street,
Mortimer**

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (7) Drainage, and (10) Water of planning permission 19/00981/OUTMAJ - Section 73: Variation of condition 6-approved plans of approved application 17/03004/OUTMAJ: This outline application comprises two parts: Part a) The erection of 110 dwellings including affordable housing, public open space and associated landscaping with all matters reserved other than access and layout; Part b) The erection of a 3FE Infant School and 900sq m GP surgery (Use Class D1) with shared parking area with all matters reserved other than access. | Land South of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading.

SMPC Comments:

On review of the documents submitted to West Berkshire Council, it was noted that the Parish Council's comments made to the developer in June were still valid and as no response had been received, these comments would be submitted to West Berkshire Council for consideration. It was noted that many of the technical details were beyond the Parish Council's knowledge to comment on.

**20/01697/COND3: Land South of St John's Church Of England School, The Street,
Mortimer**

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (31) Ecological Management Plan and (33) Management Plan of planning permission 19/00981/OUTMAJ - Section 73: Variation of condition 6-approved plans of approved application 17/03004/OUTMAJ: This outline application comprises two parts: Part a) The erection of 110 dwellings including affordable housing, public open space and associated landscaping with all matters reserved other than access and layout; Part b) The erection of a 3FE Infant School and 900sq m GP surgery (Use Class D1) with shared parking area with all matters reserved other than access. | Land South of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading.

SMPC Comments:

Again, on reviewing the documents submitted to West Berkshire Council, the Parish Council's comments to the developer in June had not been addressed and, therefore, these comments would be submitted to West Berkshire Council for consideration.

20/0046 Items for information only

A Tree Preservation Order has been put in place on the trees along the path between Stephens Road and Stephens Firs. Cllr. Lewis advised the Committee that there was an ongoing issue with a particular tree which was over an adjacent resident's property. He advised that District Cllr. Bridgman was aware of the issue. Cllr. Morsley advised that this is one of the areas where an approach was being made to West Berkshire Council regarding the creation of a wildflower habitat.

20/0047 Communications

None.

20/0048 Future Agenda Items

None.

20/0049 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Part II

Close

The meeting closed at 7.14pm.